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Agenda of the sixty-third session of the General Assembly*

Adopted by the General Assembly at its 2nd plenary meeting, on 19 September 2008

1. Opening of the session by the President of the General Assembly.
2. Minute of silent prayer or meditation.
3. Credentials of representatives to the sixty-third session of the General Assembly:
   (a) Appointment of the members of the Credentials Committee;
   (b) Report of the Credentials Committee.
4. Election of the President of the General Assembly.[1]
5. Election of the officers of the Main Committees.[1]
6. Election of the Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly.[1]
7. Organization of work, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items: reports of the General Committee.
8. General debate.

A. Maintenance of international peace and security

9. Report of the Security Council.
10. Report of the Peacebuilding Commission.
11. The role of diamonds in fuelling conflict.
12. Prevention of armed conflict.

* Organized under headings corresponding to the priorities of the Organization.

[1] In accordance with rule 30 of the rules of procedure, the General Assembly will hold these elections for its sixty-fourth session at least three months before the opening of that session.

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13. Protracted conflicts in the GUAM area and their implications for international peace, security and development.

14. Zone of peace and cooperation of the South Atlantic.

15. The situation in the Middle East.

16. Question of Palestine.

17. The situation in Afghanistan.

18. The situation in the occupied territories of Azerbaijan.

19. Necessity of ending the economic, commercial and financial embargo imposed by the United States of America against Cuba.

20. The situation in Central America: progress in fashioning a region of peace, freedom, democracy and development.[2]

21. Question of Cyprus.[2]

22. Armed aggression against the Democratic Republic of the Congo.[2]

23. Question of the Falkland Islands (Malvinas).[2]

24. The situation of democracy and human rights in Haiti.[2]

25. Armed Israeli aggression against the Iraqi nuclear installations and its grave consequences for the established international system concerning the peaceful uses of nuclear energy, the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons and international peace and security.[2]

26. Consequences of the Iraqi occupation of and aggression against Kuwait.[2]

27. Effects of atomic radiation.

28. International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space.

29. United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East.

30. Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories.

31. Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects.

32. Questions relating to information.

33. Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories transmitted under Article 73 *e* of the Charter of the United Nations.

34. Economic and other activities which affect the interests of the peoples of the Non-Self-Governing Territories.

35. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations.

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[2] This item remains on the agenda for consideration upon notification by a Member State.

36. Offers by Member States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories.

37. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples.

38. Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources.

39. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions.

B. Promotion of sustained economic growth and sustainable development in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and recent United Nations conferences

40. Report of the Economic and Social Council.

41. Implementation of the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS and the Political Declaration on HIV/AIDS.

42. Sport for peace and development.

43. 2001-2010: Decade to Roll Back Malaria in Developing Countries, Particularly in Africa.

44. Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields.

45. Culture of peace.

46. Information and communication technologies for development.

47. Macroeconomic policy questions:

    (a) International trade and development;

    (b) International financial system and development;

    (c) External debt and development: towards a durable solution to the debt problems of developing countries;

    (d) Commodities.

48. Follow-up to and implementation of the outcome of the 2002 International Conference on Financing for Development and the preparation of the 2008 Review Conference.

49. Sustainable development:

    (a) Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development;

(b) Follow-up to and implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States;

(c) International Strategy for Disaster Reduction;

(d) Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind;

(e) Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa;

(f) Convention on Biological Diversity;

(g) Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its tenth special session.

50. Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and strengthening of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat).

51. Globalization and interdependence:

(a) Role of the United Nations in promoting development in the context of globalization and interdependence;

(b) International migration and development;

(c) Culture and development;

(d) Preventing and combating corrupt practices and transfer of assets of illicit origin and returning such assets, in particular to the countries of origin, consistent with the United Nations Convention against Corruption;

(e) Integration of the economies in transition into the world economy.

52. Groups of countries in special situations:

(a) Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries;

(b) Specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of landlocked developing countries: outcome of the International Ministerial Conference of Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and Donor Countries and International Financial and Development Institutions on Transit Transport Cooperation.

53. Eradication of poverty and other development issues:

(a) Implementation of the second United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (2008-2017);

(b) Industrial development cooperation.

54. Operational activities for development.

55. Social development:

(a) Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly;

(b) Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family;

(c) Follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons: Second World Assembly on Ageing;

(d) United Nations Literacy Decade: education for all;

(e) Review and appraisal of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons.

56. Advancement of women:

(a) Advancement of women;

(b) Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women and of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly.

C. Development of Africa

57. New Partnership for Africa's Development: progress in implementation and international support:

(a) New Partnership for Africa's Development: progress in implementation and international support;

(b) Causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa.

D. Promotion of human rights

58. Report of the Human Rights Council.

59. Holocaust remembrance.

60. Promotion and protection of the rights of children:

(a) Promotion and protection of the rights of children;

(b) Follow-up to the outcome of the special session on children.

61. Indigenous issues:

(a) Indigenous issues;

(b) Second International Decade of the World's Indigenous People.

62. Elimination of racism and racial discrimination:

(a) Elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance;

(b) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action.

63. Right of peoples to self-determination.

64. Promotion and protection of human rights:

(a) Implementation of human rights instruments;

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms;

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives;

(d) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action;

(e) Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

E. Effective coordination of humanitarian assistance efforts

65. Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance:

(a) Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations;

(b) Special economic assistance to individual countries or regions;

(c) Assistance to the Palestinian people.

F. Promotion of justice and international law

66. Report of the International Court of Justice.

67. Report of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994.

68. Report of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991.

69. Report of the International Criminal Court.

70. Oceans and the law of the sea:

(a) Oceans and the law of the sea;

(b) Sustainable fisheries, including through the 1995 Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and

Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks, and related instruments.

71. Request for an advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice on whether the unilateral declaration of independence of Kosovo is in accordance with international law.

72. Nationality of natural persons in relation to the succession of States.

73. Criminal accountability of United Nations officials and experts on mission.

74. Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its forty-first session.

75. Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its sixtieth session.

76. Status of the Protocols Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 1949 and relating to the protection of victims of armed conflicts.

77. Consideration of effective measures to enhance the protection, security and safety of diplomatic and consular missions and representatives.

78. Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization.

79. The rule of law at the national and international levels.

G. Disarmament

80. Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency.

81. Reduction of military budgets.

82. Prohibition of the development and manufacture of new types of weapons of mass destruction and new systems of such weapons: report of the Conference on Disarmament.

83. Maintenance of international security — good-neighbourliness, stability and development in South-Eastern Europe.

84. Role of science and technology in the context of international security and disarmament.

85. Developments in the field of information and telecommunications in the context of international security.

86. Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the region of the Middle East.

87. Conclusion of effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons.

88. Prevention of an arms race in outer space.

89. General and complete disarmament:

(a) Notification of nuclear tests;

(b) Missiles;

(c) Problems arising from the accumulation of conventional ammunition stockpiles in surplus;

(d) Disarmament and non-proliferation education;

(e) Consolidation of peace through practical disarmament measures;

(f) Transparency in armaments;

(g) Information on confidence-building measures in the field of conventional arms;

(h) Mongolia's international security and nuclear-weapon-free status;

(i) Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in Central Asia;

(j) Assistance to States for curbing the illicit traffic in small arms and light weapons and collecting them;

(k) Implementation of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on Their Destruction;

(l) Towards a nuclear-weapon-free world: accelerating the implementation of nuclear disarmament commitments;

(m) Promotion of multilateralism in the area of disarmament and non-proliferation;

(n) Observance of environmental norms in the drafting and implementation of agreements on disarmament and arms control;

(o) Convening of the fourth special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament;

(p) Effects of the use of armaments and ammunitions containing depleted uranium;

(q) Reducing nuclear danger;

(r) Measures to prevent terrorists from acquiring weapons of mass destruction;

(s) Nuclear-weapon-free southern hemisphere and adjacent areas;

(t) Regional disarmament;

(u) Follow-up to the advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice on the *Legality of the Threat or Use of Nuclear Weapons*;

(v) Nuclear disarmament;

(w) Transparency and confidence-building measures in outer space activities;

(x) Conventional arms control at the regional and subregional levels;

(y) Confidence-building measures in the regional and subregional context;

(z) The illicit trade in small arms and light weapons in all its aspects;

(aa) Relationship between disarmament and development;

(bb) United Nations conference to identify appropriate ways of eliminating nuclear dangers in the context of nuclear disarmament.

90. Review and implementation of the Concluding Document of the Twelfth Special Session of the General Assembly:

(a) United Nations disarmament fellowship, training and advisory services;

(b) United Nations Disarmament Information Programme;

(c) United Nations Regional Centre for Peace, Disarmament and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean;

(d) United Nations regional centres for peace and disarmament;

(e) Convention on the Prohibition of the Use of Nuclear Weapons;

(f) United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Asia and the Pacific;

(g) Regional confidence-building measures: activities of the United Nations Standing Advisory Committee on Security Questions in Central Africa;

(h) United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Africa.

91. Review of the implementation of the recommendations and decisions adopted by the General Assembly at its tenth special session:

(a) Report of the Disarmament Commission;

(b) Report of the Conference on Disarmament.

92. The risk of nuclear proliferation in the Middle East.

93. Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects.

94. Strengthening of security and cooperation in the Mediterranean region.

95. Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty.

96. Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction.

H. Drug control, crime prevention and combating international terrorism in all its forms and manifestations

97. Crime prevention and criminal justice.

98. International drug control.

99. Measures to eliminate international terrorism.

I. Organizational, administrative and other matters

100. Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization.

101. Report of the Secretary-General on the Peacebuilding Fund.

102. Notification by the Secretary-General under Article 12, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations.

103. Elections to fill vacancies in principal organs:

(a) Election of five non-permanent members of the Security Council;

(b) Election of eighteen members of the Economic and Social Council;

(c) Election of five members of the International Court of Justice.

104. Elections to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other elections:

(a) Election of twenty members of the Committee for Programme and Coordination;

(b) Election of seven members of the Organizational Committee of the Peacebuilding Commission;

(c) Election of eighteen members of the Human Rights Council.

105. Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments:

(a) Appointment of members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;

(b) Appointment of members of the Committee on Contributions;

(c) Confirmation of the appointment of members of the Investments Committee;

(d) Appointment of members of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal;

(e) Appointment of members of the International Civil Service Commission;

(f) Appointment of members and alternate members of the United Nations Staff Pension Committee;

(g) Appointment of members of the Committee on Conferences;

(h) Appointment of a member of the Joint Inspection Unit;

(i) Confirmation of the appointment of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme;

(j) Confirmation of the appointment of the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development;

(k) Appointment of the judges of the United Nations Dispute Tribunal;

(l) Appointment of the judges of the United Nations Appeals Tribunal.

106. Admission of new Members to the United Nations.

107. Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit.

108. Follow-up to the commemoration of the two-hundredth anniversary of the abolition of the transatlantic slave trade.

109. Implementation of the resolutions of the United Nations.

110. Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly.

111. Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and related matters.

112. Strengthening of the United Nations system.

113. Multilingualism.

114. Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations:

(a) Cooperation between the United Nations and the African Union;

(b) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization;

(c) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations;

(d) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization;

(e) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Caribbean Community;

(f) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries;

(g) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Council of Europe;

(h) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Economic Community of Central African States;

(i) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Economic Cooperation Organization;

(j) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Eurasian Economic Community;

(k) Cooperation between the United Nations and the International Organization of la Francophonie;

(l) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Inter-Parliamentary Union;

(m) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Latin American Economic System;

(n) Cooperation between the United Nations and the League of Arab States;

(o) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons;

(p) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe;

(q) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of American States;

(r) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of the Islamic Conference;

(s) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Pacific Islands Forum;

(t) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization;

(u) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Southern African Development Community.

115. Follow-up to the recommendations on administrative management and internal oversight of the Independent Inquiry Committee into the United Nations Oil-for-Food Programme.

116. Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors:

(a) United Nations;

(b) United Nations peacekeeping operations;

(c) International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO;

(d) United Nations University;

(e) Capital master plan;

(f) United Nations Development Programme;

(g) United Nations Children's Fund;

(h) United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East;

(i) United Nations Institute for Training and Research;

(j) Voluntary funds administered by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees;

(k) Fund of the United Nations Environment Programme;

(l) United Nations Population Fund;

(m) United Nations Human Settlements Programme;

(n) Fund of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme;

(o) United Nations Office for Project Services;

(p) International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994;

(q) International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991.

117. Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations.

118. Programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009.

119. Programme planning.

120. Improving the financial situation of the United Nations.

121. Pattern of conferences.

122. Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations.

123. Human resources management.

124. Joint Inspection Unit.

125. United Nations common system.

126. United Nations pension system.

127. Administrative and budgetary coordination of the United Nations with the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency.

128. Report on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services.

129. Administration of justice at the United Nations.

130. Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994.

131. Financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991.

132. Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations.

133. Financing of the United Nations Operation in Burundi.

134. Financing of the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire.

135. Financing of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus.

136. Financing of thé United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

137. Financing of the United Nations Mission in East Timor.

138. Financing of the United Nations Integrated Mission in Timor-Leste.

139. Financing of the United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea.

140. Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia.

141. Financing of the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti.

142. Financing of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo.

143. Financing of the United Nations Mission in Liberia.

144. Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping forces in the Middle East:

(a) United Nations Disengagement Observer Force;

(b) United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon.

145. Financing of the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone.

146. Financing of the United Nations Mission in the Sudan.

147. Financing of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara.

148. Financing of the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur.

149. Financing of the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic and Chad.

150. Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country.

151. Observer status for the South Centre in the General Assembly.

152. Observer status for the Agency for International Trade Information and Cooperation in the General Assembly.

153. Observer status for the University for Peace in the General Assembly.